

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 239B.4(4) and 239B.8(2), the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 93, "PROMISE JOBS Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment increases the PROMISE JOBS mileage reimbursement rate from \$.30 per mile to \$.34 per mile.

As an eligibility factor for the Family Investment Program, adults and older teens who are not in school must participate in employment and training activities through the PROMISE JOBS program, as outlined in their Family Investment Agreement (FIA). The FIA outlines what the participant will do to become self-sufficient and what supports the state will provide. A participant's failure to follow the FIA requirements results in a full family sanction, called a limited benefit plan.

The participant is eligible for a payment to cover transportation costs as a supportive service when participating in an approved PROMISE JOBS activity other than orientation or employment and assistance is not available from another source. Due to the large rise in gasoline costs from 2001 to 2005, the Department increased the mileage allowance from \$.21 per mile to \$.30 per mile effective November 1, 2005. In July 2005, the average gasoline price per gallon in Iowa was \$2.13. As of July 2008, the average price reached \$3.93 per gallon. This amendment aligns the reimbursement rate more closely with the actual cost of transportation.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 7125B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before October 1, 2008. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 239B.17.